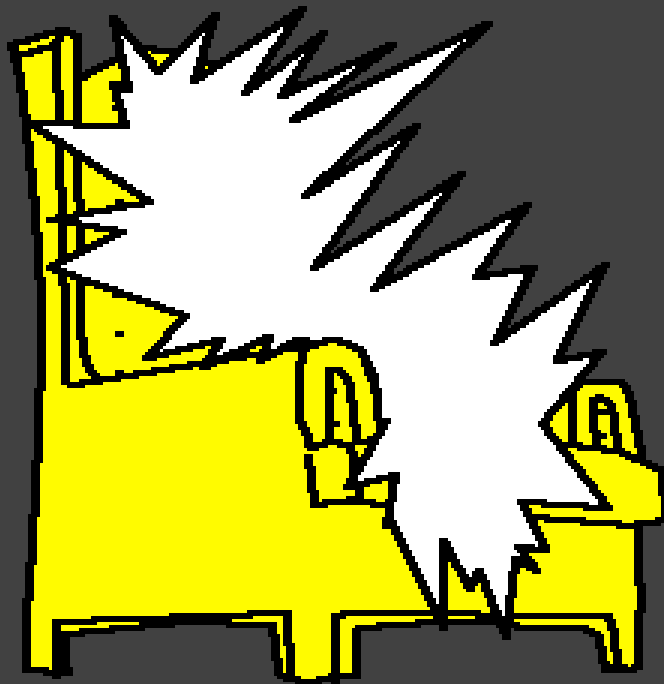


Bible for Children  
presents



HEAVEN,  
GOD'S  
BEAUTIFUL  
HOME



Written by: E. Duncan Hughes

Illustrated by: Lazarus

Adapted by: Sarah S.

Produced by: Bible for Children  
[www.M1914.org](http://www.M1914.org)

©2009 Bible for Children, Inc.

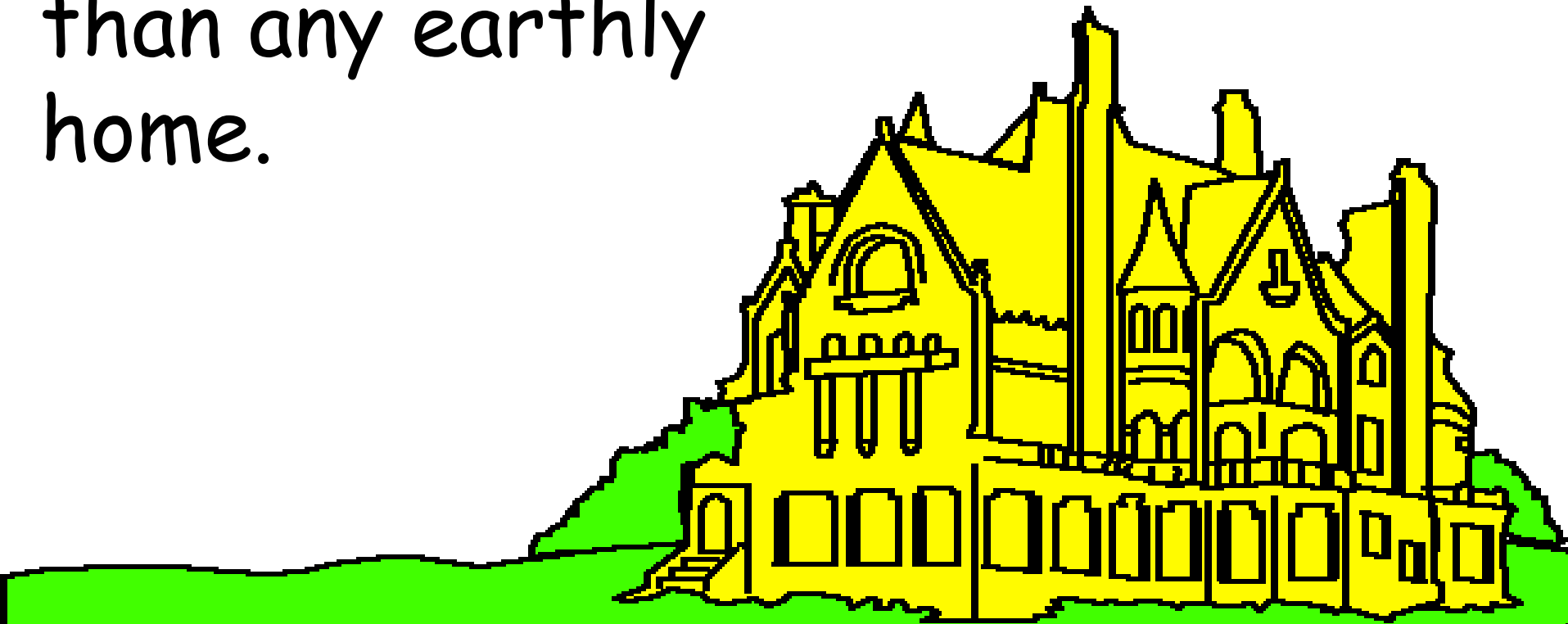
License: You have the right to copy or  
print this story,  
as long as you do not sell it.



When Jesus lived on earth He told His disciples about Heaven. He called it "My Father's House", and said there were many mansions there.



A mansion is a large, beautiful home.  
Heaven is larger and more beautiful  
than any earthly  
home.



Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself."



Jesus did go to Heaven, after He arose from the dead. While His disciples watched, Jesus was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.



Since then, Christians have remembered Jesus' promise to come back and get them. Jesus said He would return suddenly, when least expected.



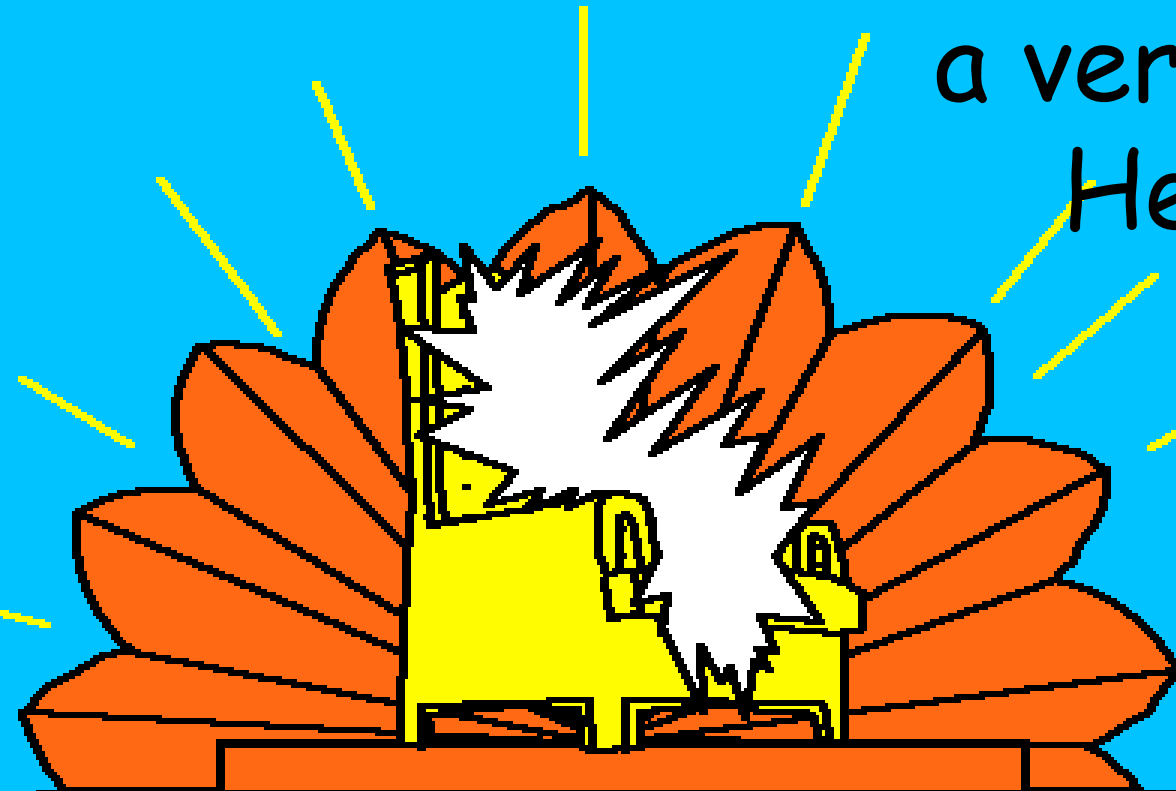
But what about Christians who die before He comes? The Bible says they go straight to be with Jesus. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.





Revelation, the last book in the Bible, tells us how wonderful Heaven is.

The most wonderful thing is that, in a very special way, Heaven is God's home. God is everywhere, but His throne is in Heaven.



Angels and other heavenly beings  
worship God in Heaven.  
So do all God's people  
who have died and  
gone to Heaven.

They sing  
special  
songs of  
praise to  
God.

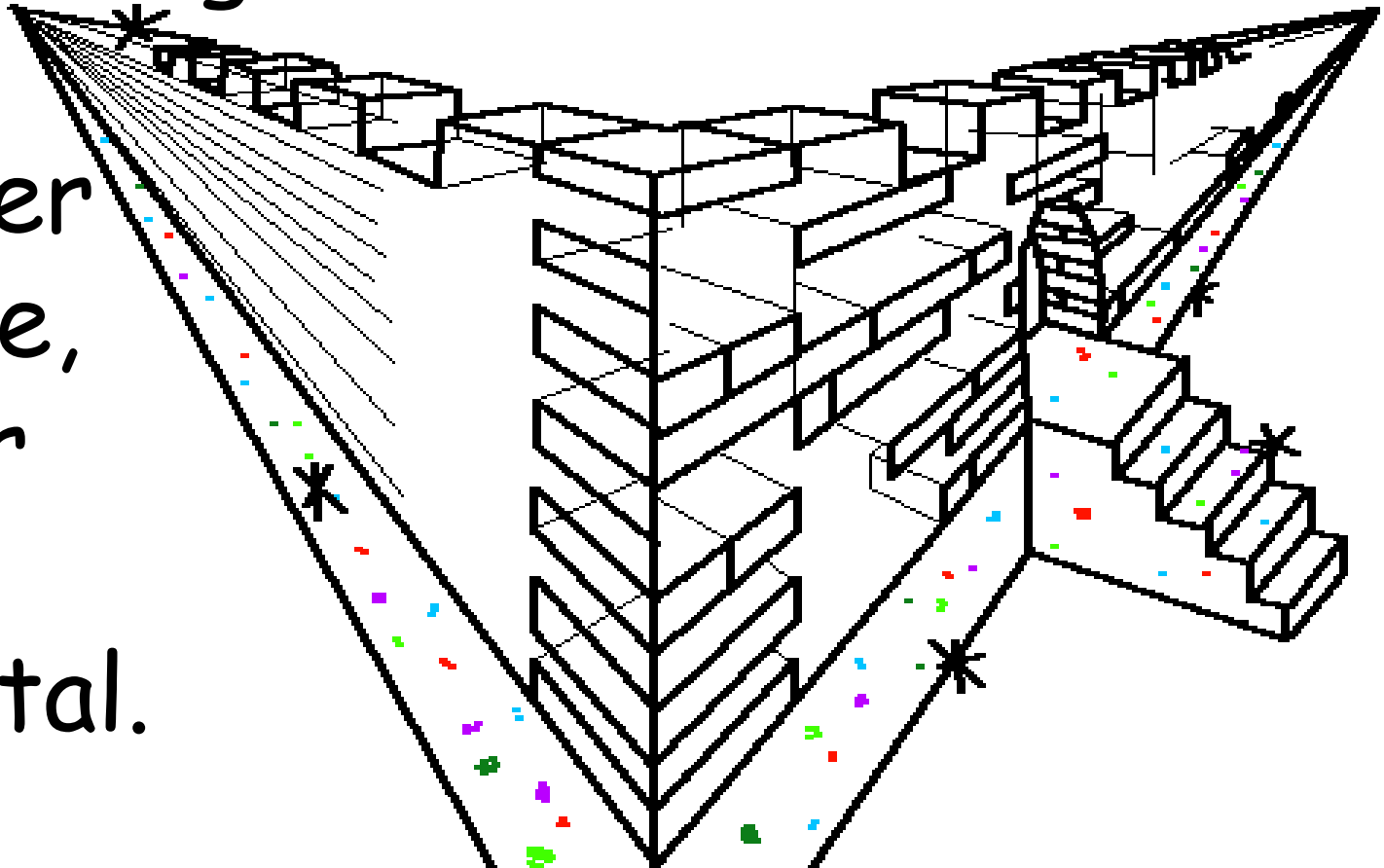


Here are some words from one song they sing: YOU ARE WORTHY FOR YOU HAVE REDEEMED US TO GOD BY YOUR BLOOD OUT OF EVERY TRIBE AND NATION AND HAVE MADE US KINGS AND PRIESTS TO OUR GOD.  
(Rev. 5:9)



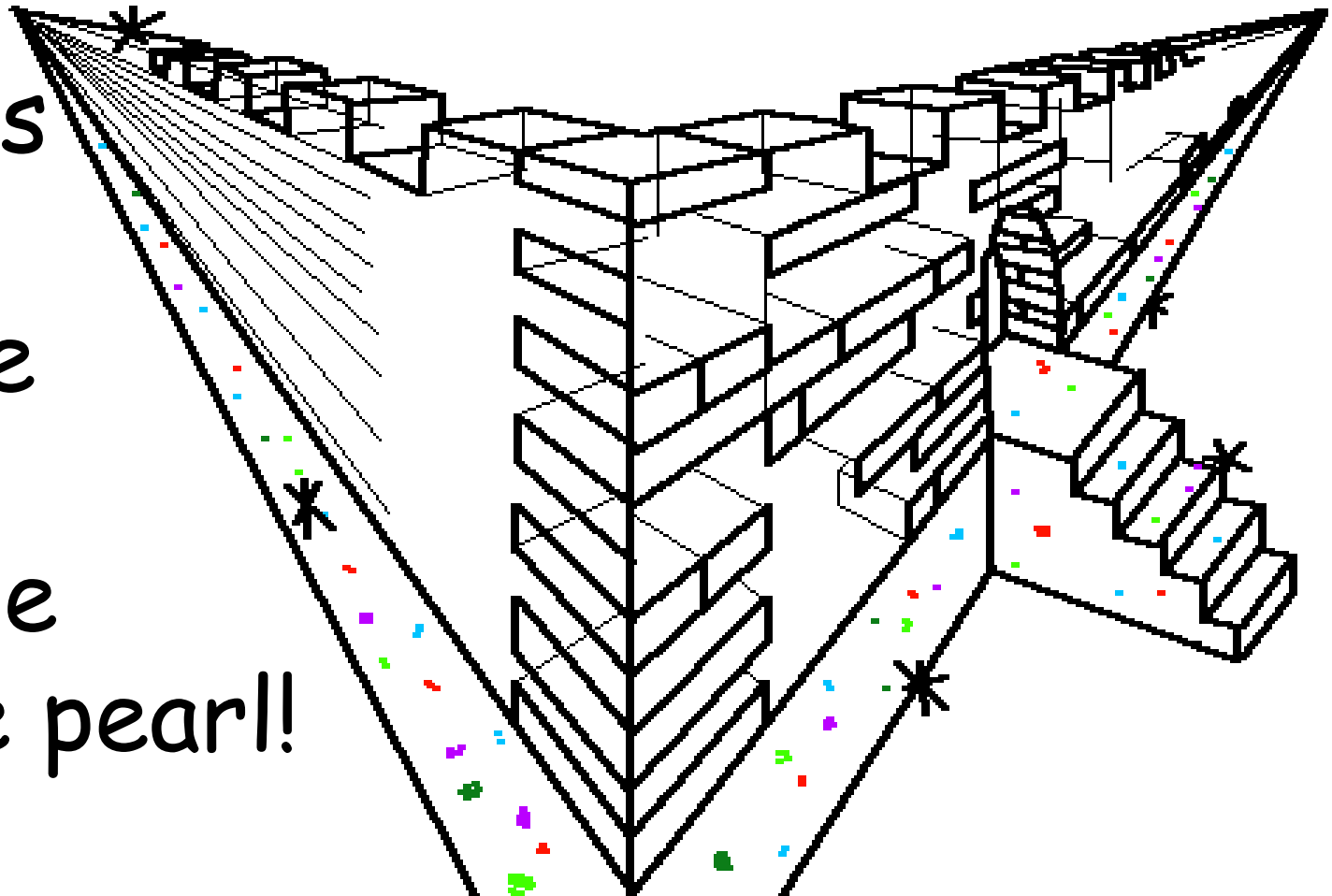
The very last pages of the Bible describe Heaven as "The New Jerusalem". It is very, very big, with a high wall outside. The wall is

of  
jasper  
stone,  
clear  
as  
crystal.

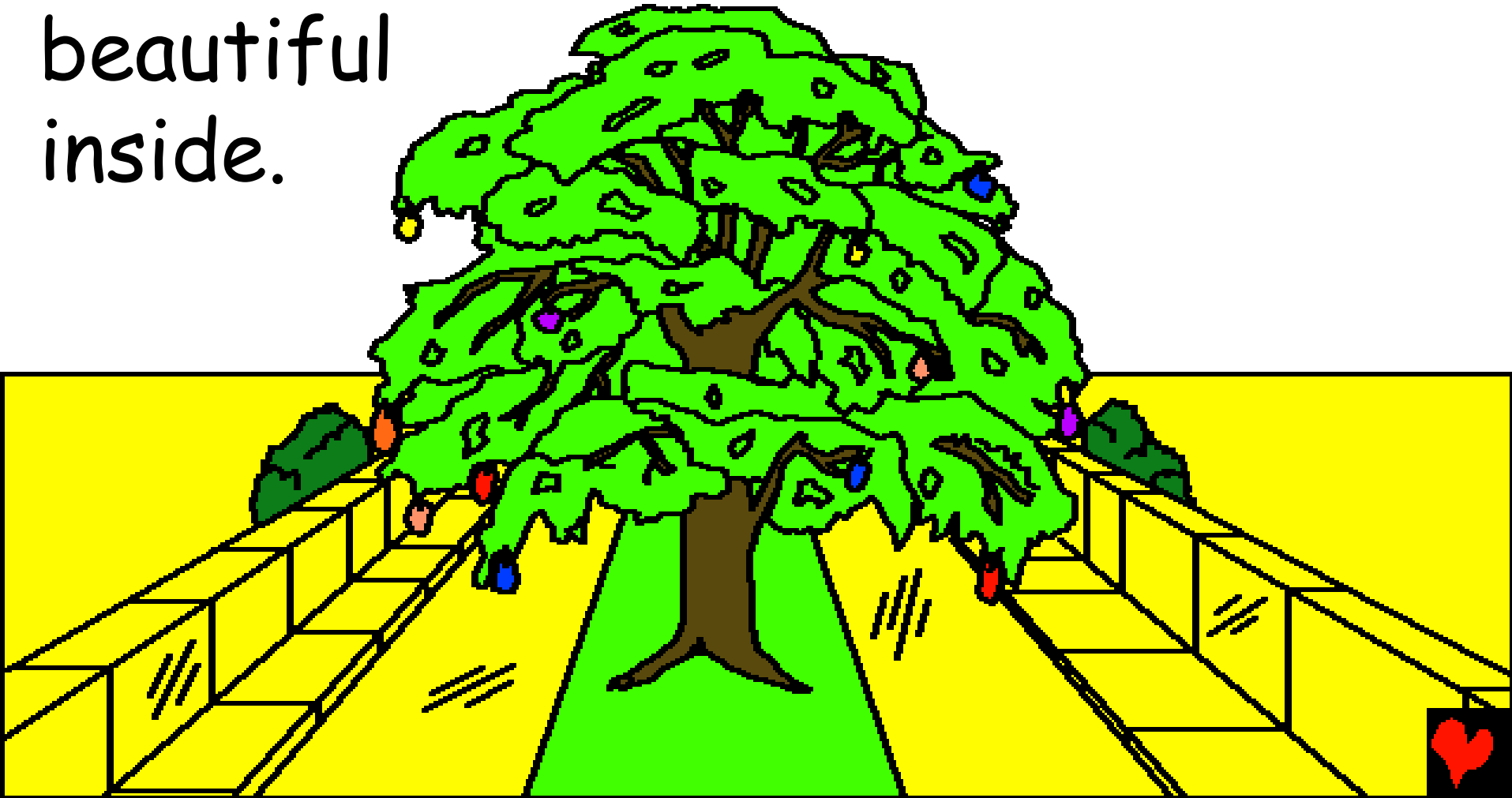


Jewels and precious stones cover the foundation of the wall, sparkling with gorgeous colors. Each of the city gates is

made of a single huge pearl!



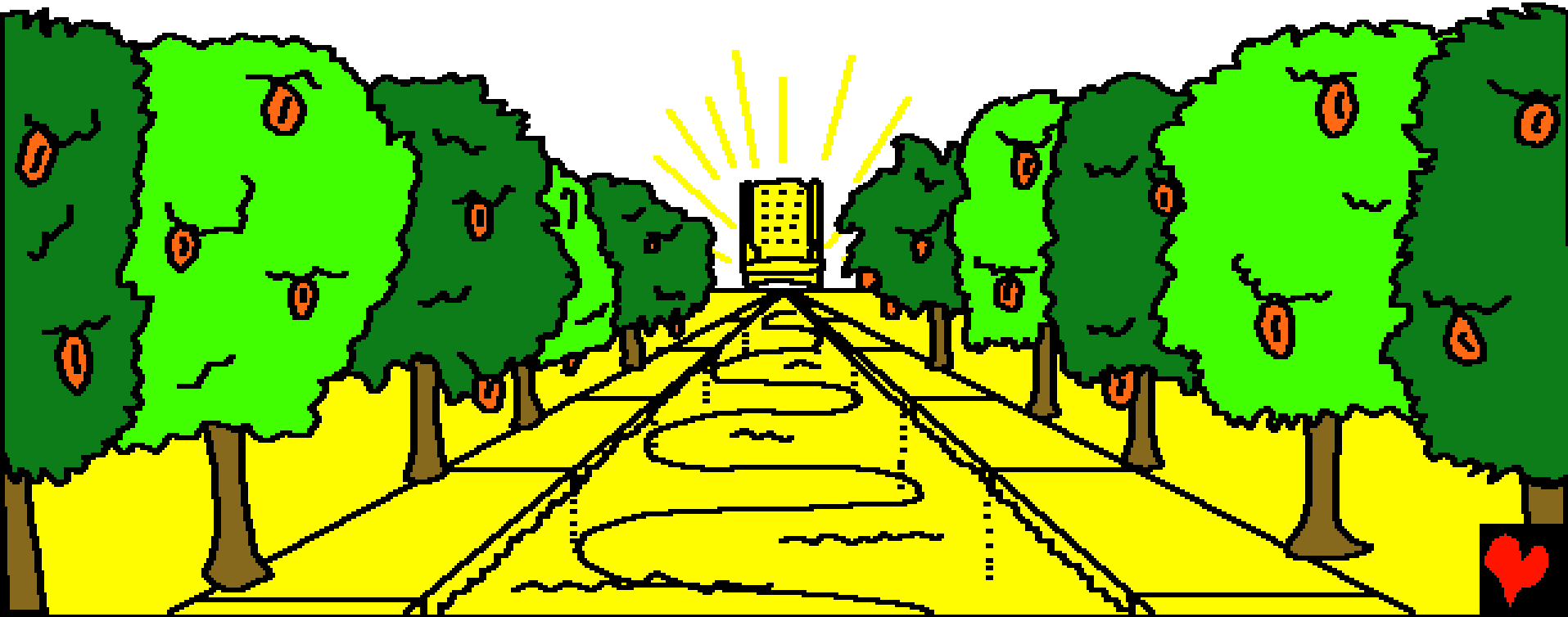
Those great pearly gates are never closed. Let's go in and have a look around...WOW! Heaven is even more beautiful inside.



The city is made of pure gold, like clear glass. Even the street is made of gold.

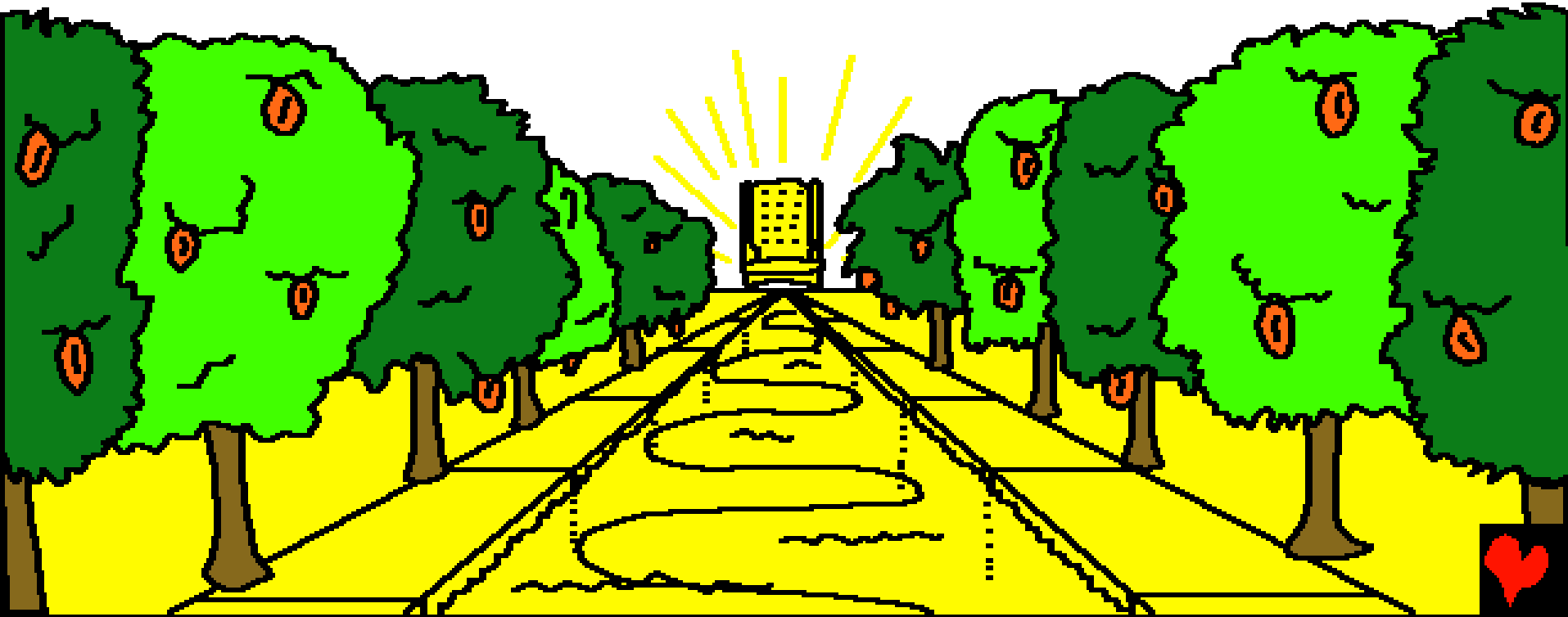


A beautiful, clear river of the water of life flows from God's throne. On either side of the river is the tree of life, which was first found in the Garden of Eden.

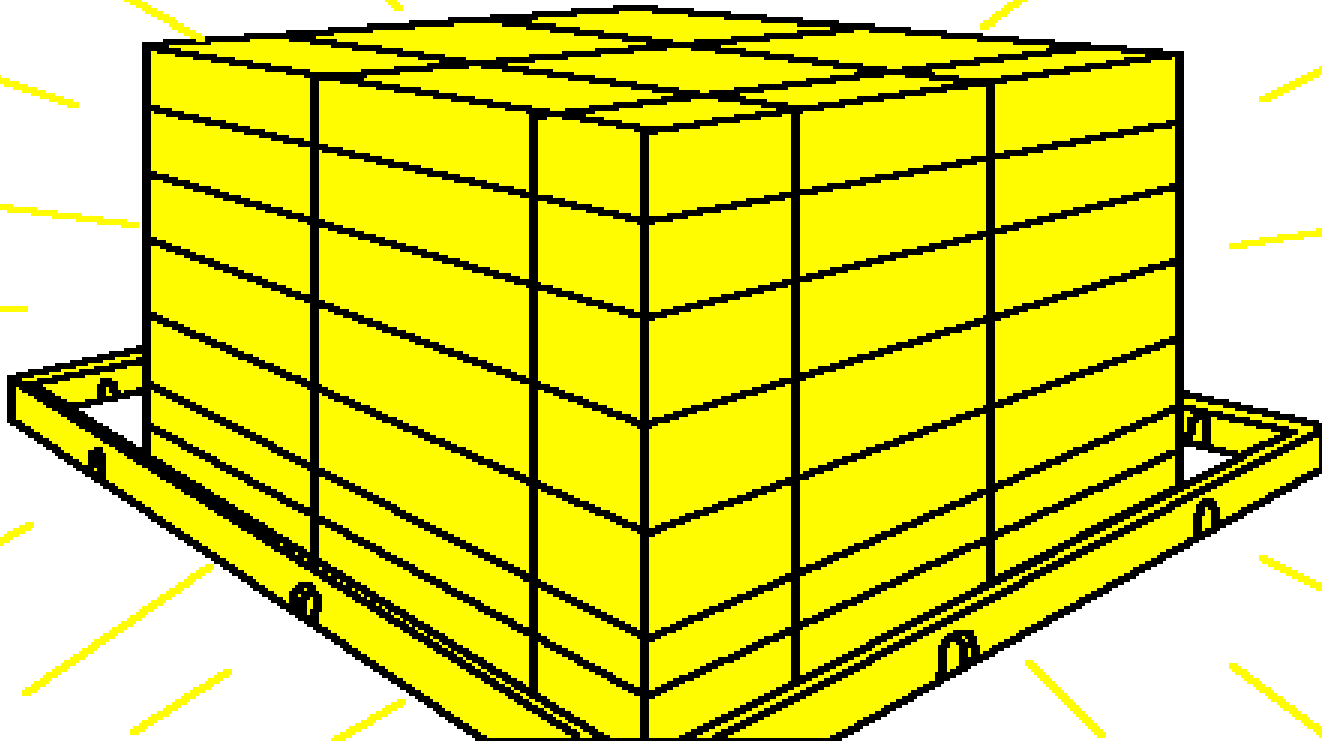




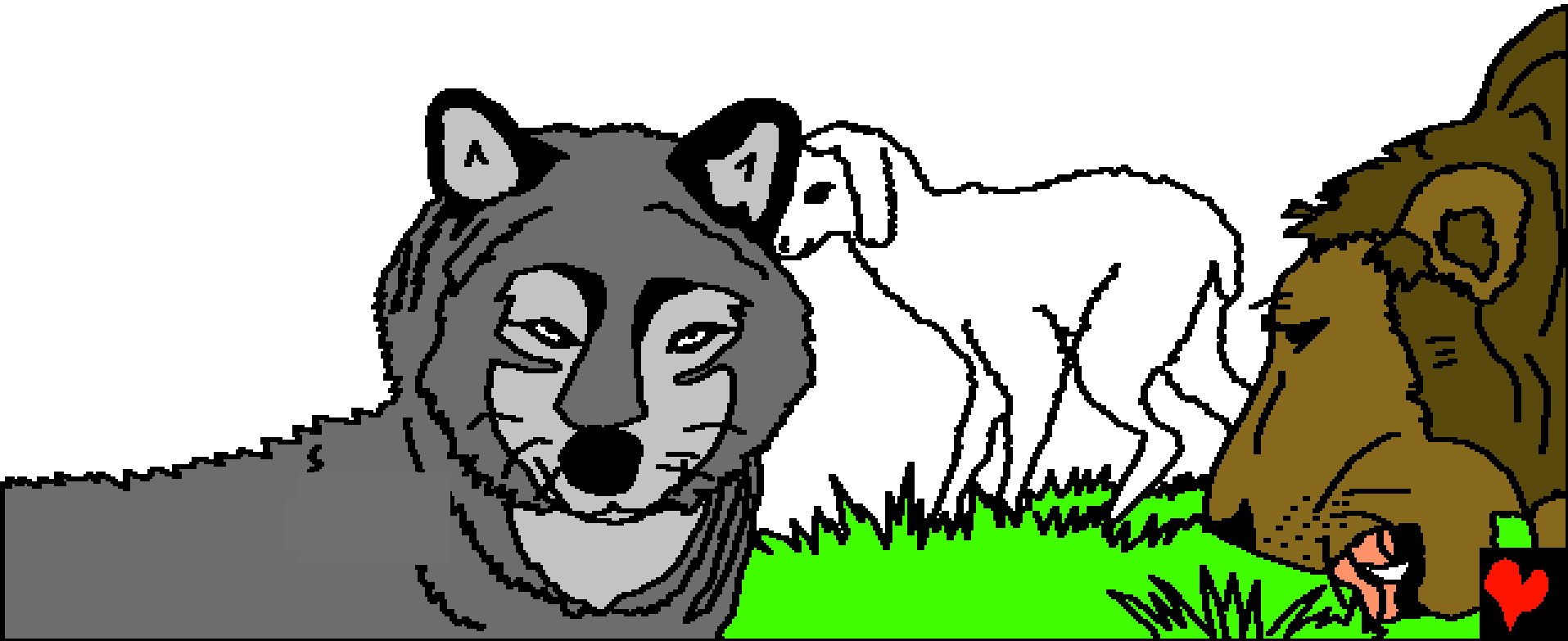
This tree is very special. It bears twelve different kinds of fruit, a different kind each month. And the leaves of the tree of life are for the healing of the nations.



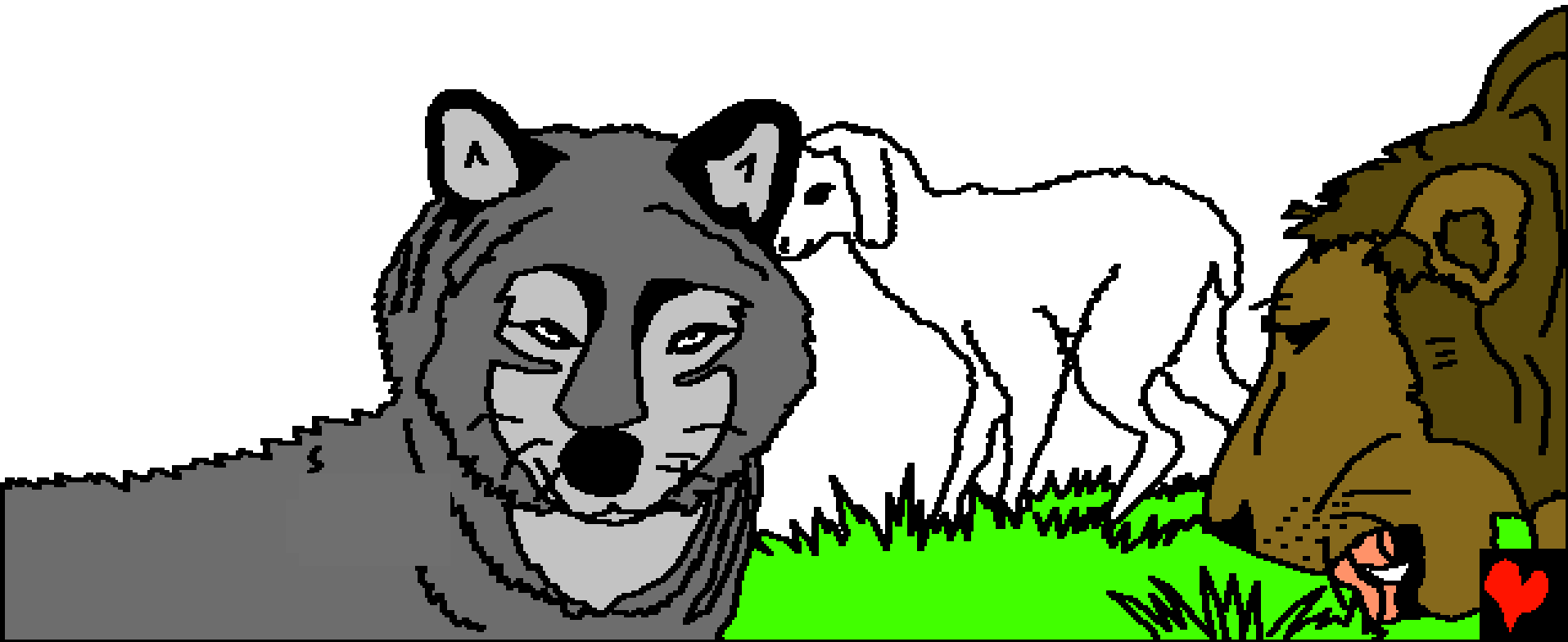
Heaven does not need the sun or moon for light. God's own glory fills it with wonderful light. There is never any night there.



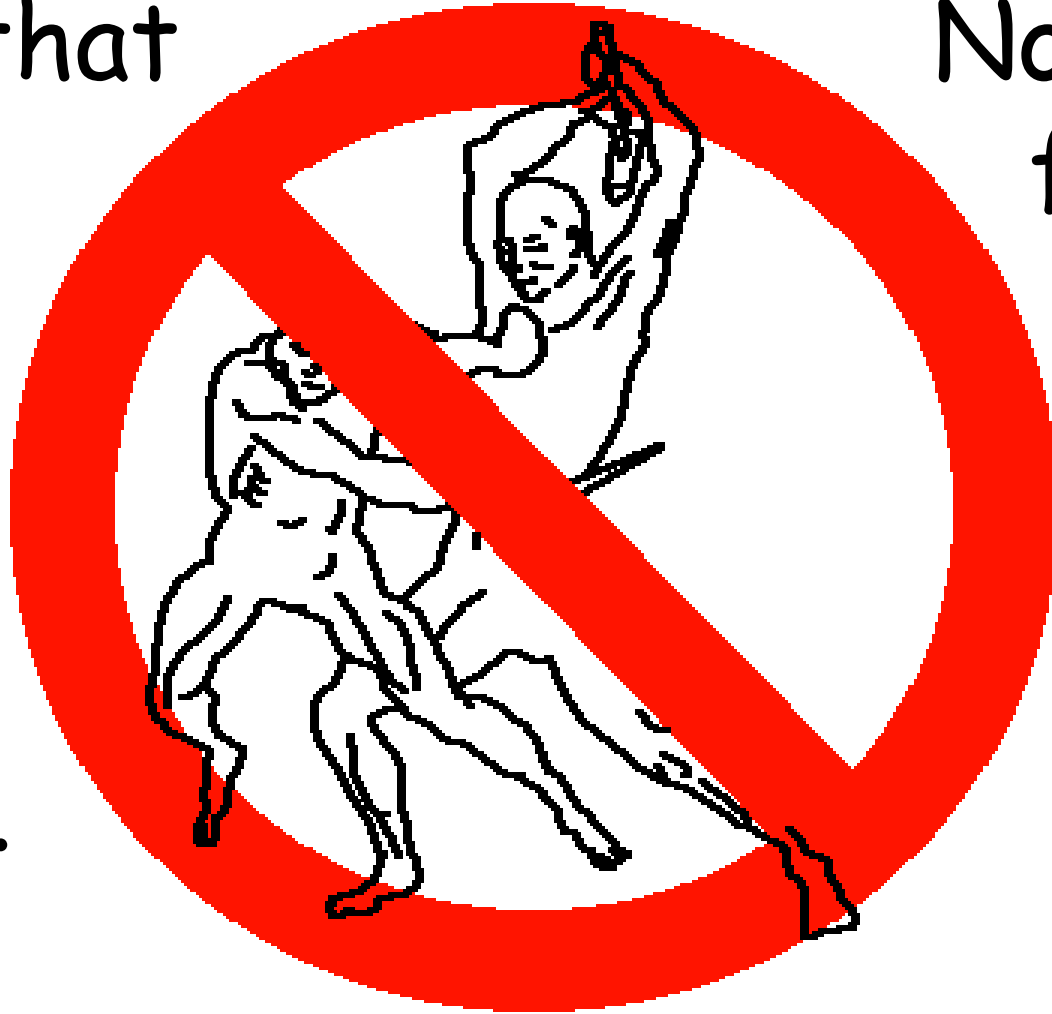
Even the animals in Heaven are different. They are all tame and friendly. Wolves and lambs feed on grass together.



Even mighty lions are eating straw  
like the ox. The LORD says, "They  
shall not hurt nor destroy  
in all My holy mountain."



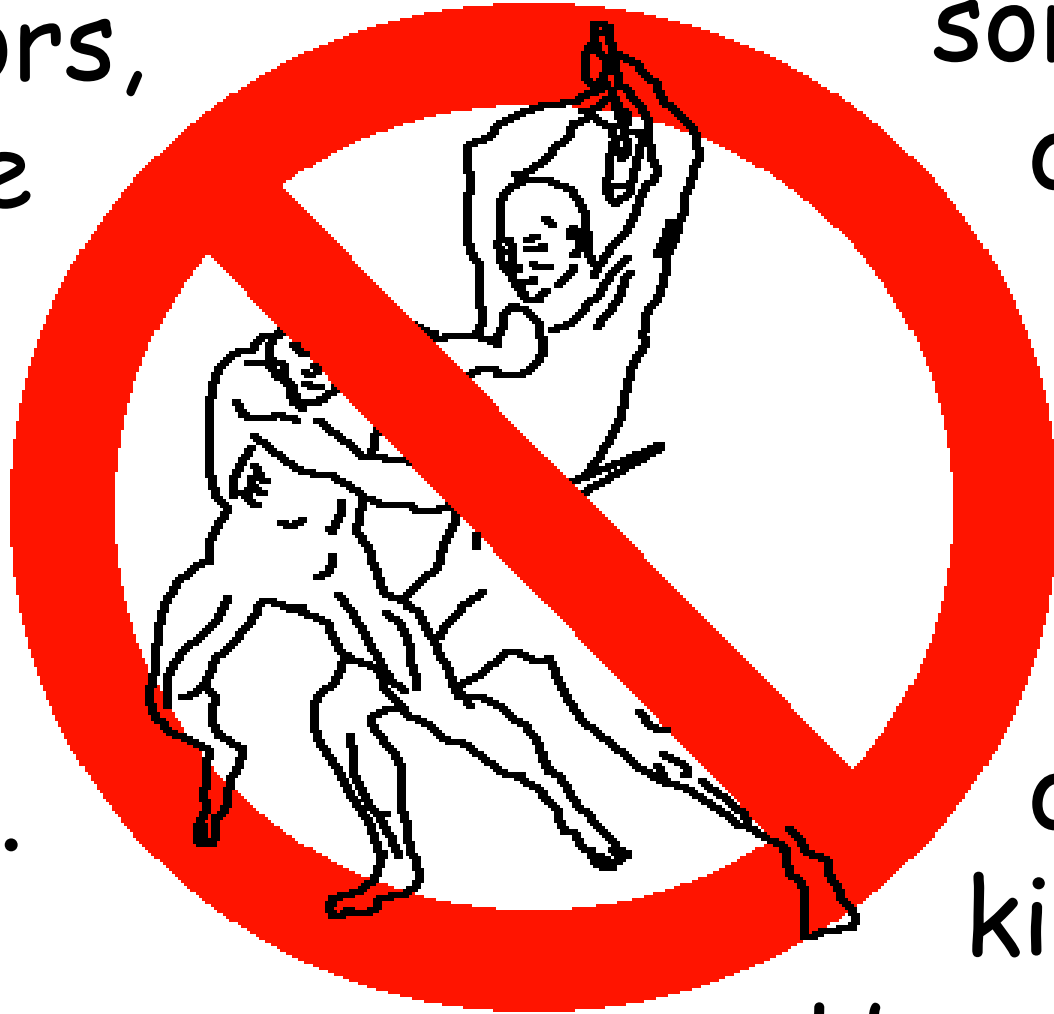
As we look around, we notice that there are things missing from Heaven.



No angry words are ever heard. Nobody is fighting or being selfish.



There are no locks on the doors, because there are no thieves in Heaven.



There are no liars, murderers, sorcerers, or other wicked people. There is no sin of any kind in Heaven.

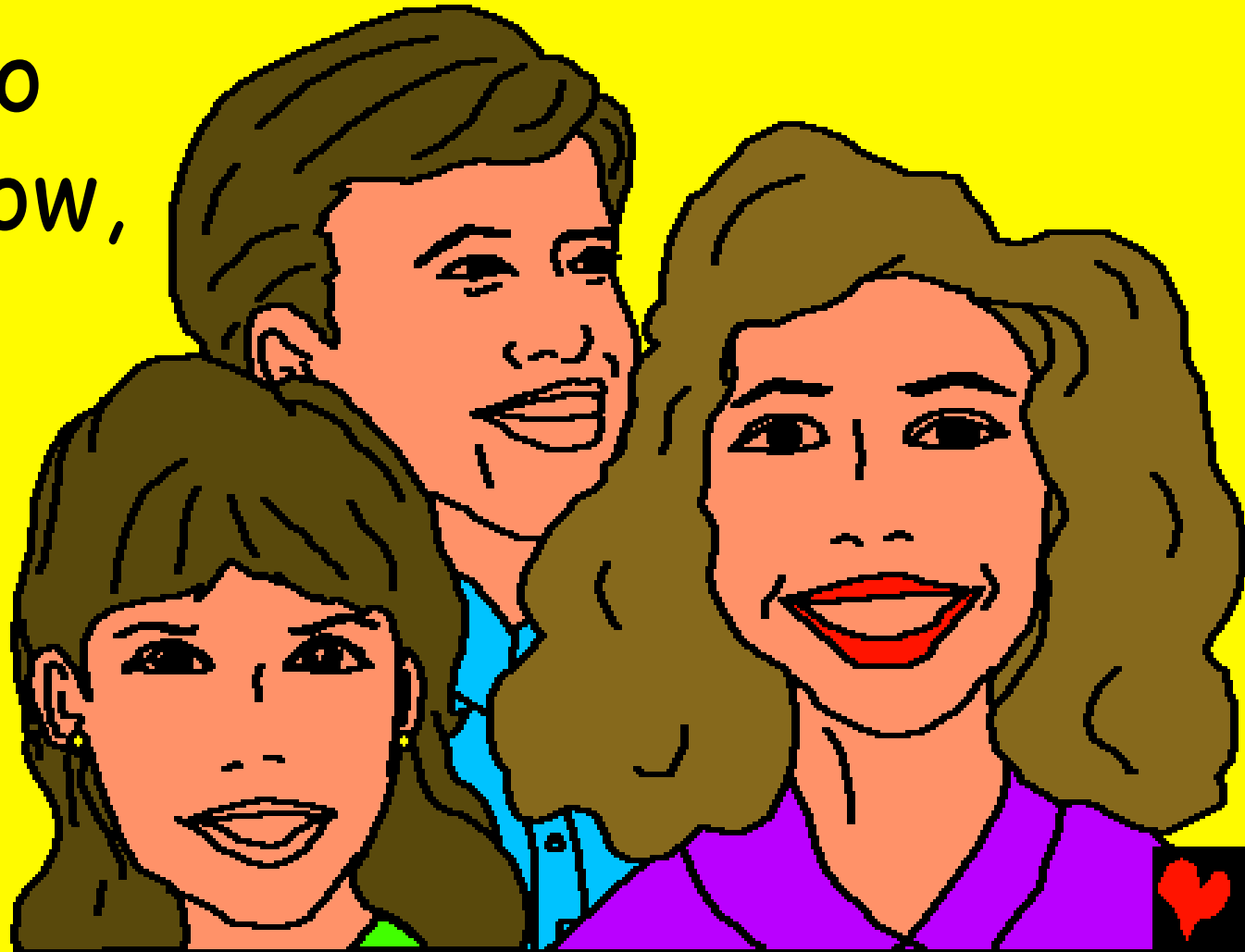


In Heaven with God  
there are no more  
tears. Sometimes,  
God's people cry  
because of great  
sorrows in this life.  
In Heaven, God will  
wipe away all tears.



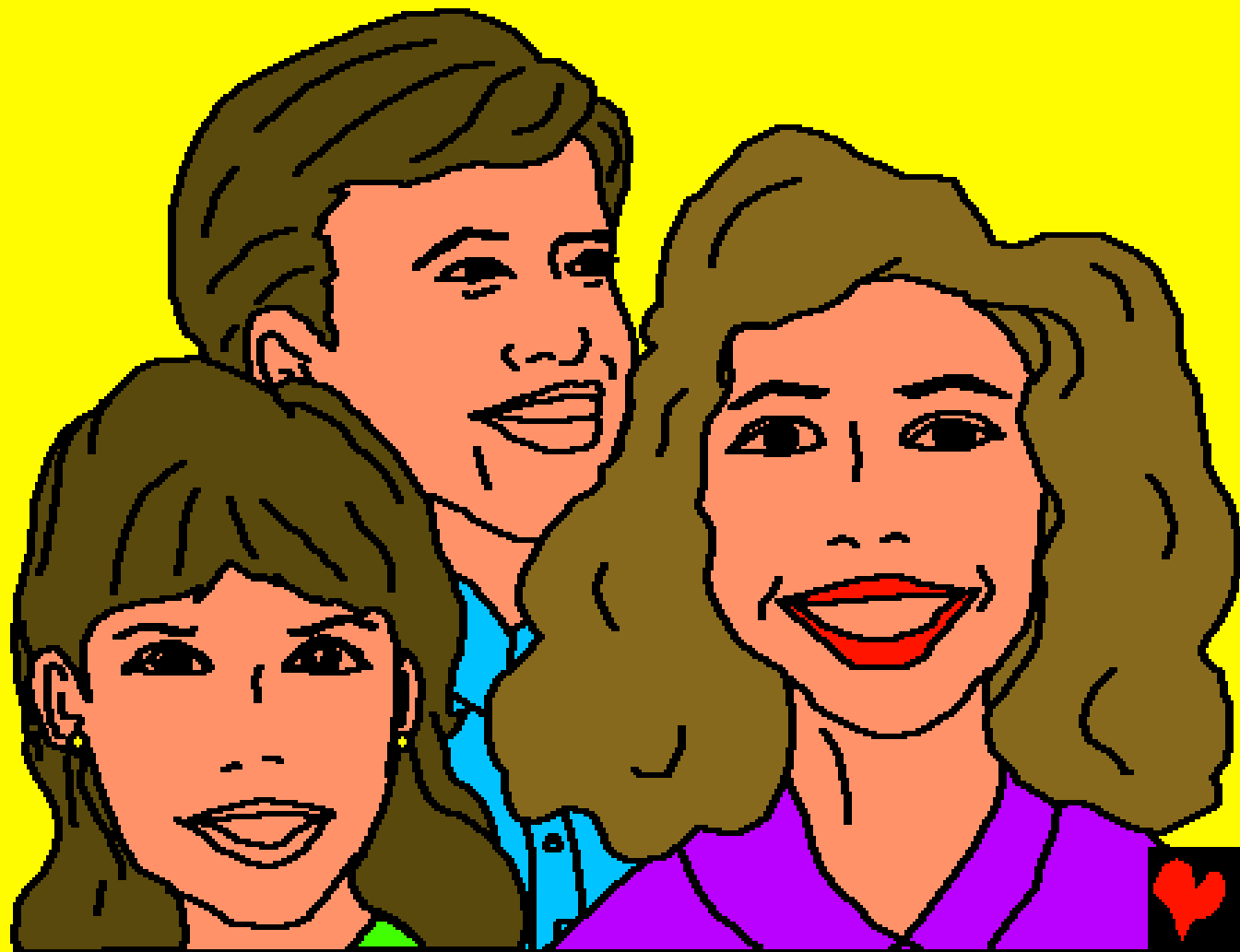
There is no death in Heaven, either.  
God's people will be forever with  
the Lord.

There is no  
more sorrow,  
no more  
crying,  
no more  
pain.

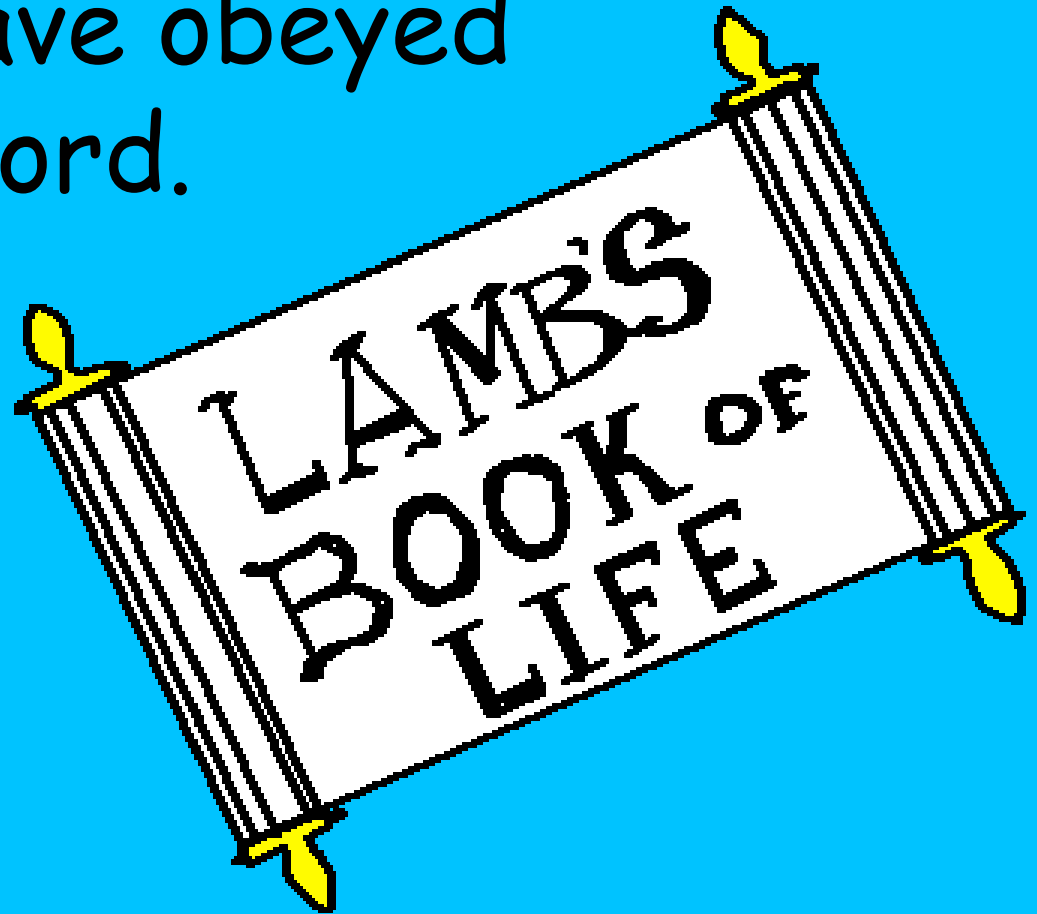




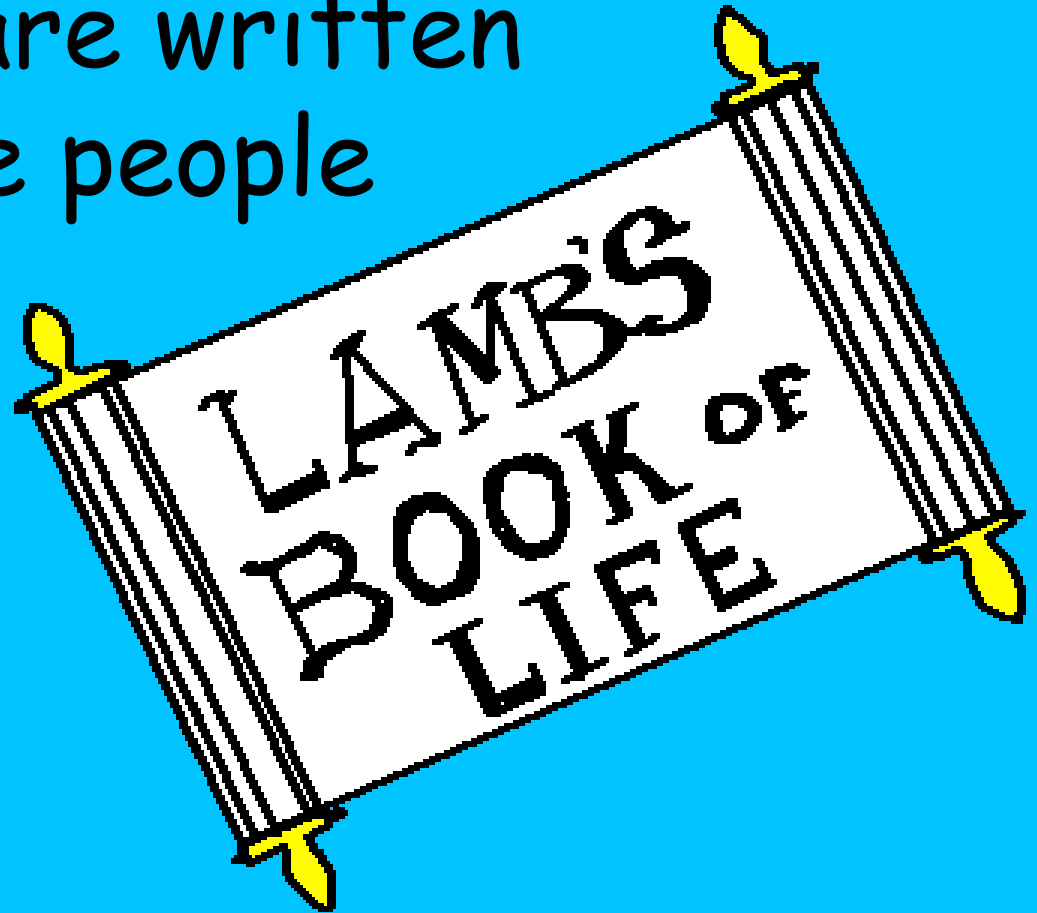
No sickness, no parting, no funerals.  
Everyone in Heaven is happy forever  
with God.



Best of all, Heaven is for boys and girls (and grown-ups too) who have believed on Jesus Christ as their Saviour and have obeyed Him as their Lord.



In Heaven there is a book called the Lamb's Book of Life. It is full of people's names. Do you know whose names are written there? All the people who put their trust in Jesus. Is your name there?



The Bible's last words about Heaven are a wonderful invitation. "And the Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' And let him who hears say 'Come!'"



And let him who thirsts come. And whosoever desires, let him take the water of life freely."



# Heaven, God's Beautiful Home

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

John 14

2 Corinthians 5

Revelation 4, 21, 22

"The entrance of Your Word gives light."

Psalm 119:130



The End



This Bible story tells us about our wonderful God who made us and who wants us to know Him.

God knows we have done bad things, which He calls sin. The punishment for sin is death, but God loves us so much He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on a Cross and be punished for our sins. Then Jesus came back to life and went home to Heaven! If you believe in Jesus and ask Him to forgive your sins, He will do it! He will come and live in you now, and you will live with Him forever.





If you want to turn from your sins,  
say this to God:

Dear God, I believe that Jesus died for me  
and now lives again. Please come into my  
life and forgive my sins, so that I can have  
new life now, and one day go to be with You  
forever. Help me to live for You as Your  
child. Amen.

Read the Bible and talk with God every  
day! John 3:16

